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SKIP'S LOUNGE "FALL BASH" RETURNS...

September 10-12, 2004

Skip's Lounge, Houghton Lake, Michigan

Report & Photos Submitted By: "CoCo" (Steve) Brown, Michigan

Houghton Lake, Michigan: September 10-12, 2004

"Skip's Fall Bash Returns to Houghton Lake..."

Another successful turnout occurred at Skip's during this year's Skip's Fall Bash. A total of 72 shuffleboard patrons participated in this three day tournament (surpassing last year's 68), including the following events: AB Draw Partner on Friday, ABC Draw Partner on Saturday, and Open Singles on Sunday. Just under \$13,000 was up for grabs. Players came from far and wide, including Nevada's Chris Passariello and Missouri's Jerry Romay and Frank Edelen. Thanks for your continued support in your travels!

On Friday, 22 teams participated in the AB Draw Partner event. Taking first place year were Bill Kane and Slick Parrish (sponsored by Jim Earl Madary). Second place winners were Bill Niswonger and CoCo Brown (sponsored by Bill Kane), and third place recipients were Jim Earl Madary & George Nelson (sponsored by Jim Long). Fourth place went to Dennis Stantz & Carolyn Perry (sponsored by Mark Holland).



On Saturday, 20 teams battled in the ABC Draw Partner Event. Fierce competition resulted in first place victory going to John Tischler, Don Parkhurst, and Slick Parrish (sponsored by Mark Holland) with

Jim Earl Madary, Bill Niswonger, and Melinda Flynn (sponsored by Betty Parrish) finishing in second, and Dennis Stantz, Cindy Brown, and Terrie Tischler in third (sponsored by Betty Parrish). Finishing in fourth place were Jim Long, Bobby Auten, and Deb Kern (sponsored by Richard Reist).

Sunday heat continued, as 16 people competed in the Open Singles. Scott Auten went on to take first place (sponsored by Steve Auten), with Jim Long in second (sponsored by Scott Auten) and Chris Passariello (sponsored by Jimmy Kumpula) in third close behind.

Tournament Directors CoCo and Cindy Brown would like to thank the many people who helped to ensure the continued success of this annual event.

Special recognition should be given to Mr. and Mrs. Skip Sliwa (owners of Skip's Lounge) and the rest of the staff for their generous hospitality, including a great food spread.

Special thanks are also extended to Bracketeer Rob Kern, Carolyn Perry, Alonzo Cottrell, Co-Directors Tom and Jackie Meagher, and auctioneer's Steve Auten, Jerry Siebert, and Bill Kane.

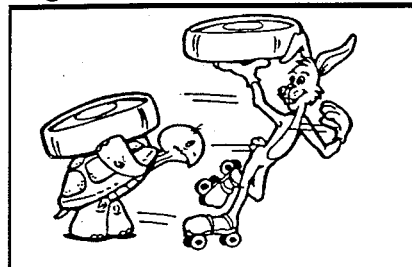
As a Beta Tester for the new Computer Peas program currently under construction, I would also like to personally thank Eddie Brayman and the rest of the Beta Testers for the wonderful job being done on this new age software. This was the first non-simulated tournament I have used Peas for and the capabilities and efficiencies of this program most certainly bring shuffleboard tournament technology to a new level!

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Shufflers' Notebook & Ads

News and Views from The World of Shuffleboard

In Memory of Don Crall...

By Melody Turner

You came along at a time in my life
When I wasn't looking for you
You pushed your way in with a wink and a smile
You gave me renewed hope for a better life

I saw a side of you hidden from many
A silent helping hand, demanding no credit
You saw other's pain and silently gave assistance
Never wanting credit or acknowledgment
For a family about to lose their home, you were there
A friend with emergency medical bills, you were there
A family who lost a loved one, you were there
A friend whose uninsured home was flooded, you were there
You saw the need, you gave without a second thought

You refused to attend war movies, no matter how popular
Your defense, "I lived it, seeing it again would never be entertainment."
I teased you about wearing white socks, they were embarrassing!
You shared how your feet were almost lost to frostbite during the war
And of how the dye in colored socks hurt your feet
How shallow my worry of fashion! So thoughtless!

You've touched so many lives; those who have grown to have sons of their own
So many times I would hear, "Mr. Crall!"
You remembered the position each had played on the Little League ball team
You knew the direction their lives had taken today

You shared stories of children and grandchildren
Love and pride, words that came hard for you
But pictures displayed on cabinets, walls and refrigerator
Were a constant reminder of your love and pride for family

Christmas brought such joy; you shopped for the children living in the Boy's Home
There was a twinkle in your eye
As you described the excitement when the children opened their gifts
That twinkle was the best Christmas gift I received!

You lived a full life and lived it in your own way
You made it easier for us to live life our way
We all say good-bye to a part of our life
But, we're letting you go to a far better place
Where there'll be no more pain
There'll be no more strife

Melody Turner
11-01-04



Calling all "League Players" & Reporters?

(from the Board Talk Publishers/Editors)

Calling all "League Players & Reporters"... in 2002, we had a "League Players' Corner" section in The Board Talk. We had volunteers for reporting the major play-offs, etc. and listed contact focal points and website links for the States that had active "League Play". But, reports 'fizzled' and contact information became obsolete and so did the section in The Board Talk, titled: "League Players' Corner."

We plan to start this up again beginning with the February 2005 Board Talk issue. TYPE OF INPUT NEEDED: We (Board Talk Editors/Publishers) plan the re-instated column to... Highlight at least one (1) league each issue, focus on how they are organized, general rules of play (formats and discussion of Pros & Cons of various formats) and why they feel their setup has been successful (including any format problems, etc. that have been overcome and how), include some pictures of people in charge (focal points), profile league players, etc. But, first we need to get a channel for communicating established and identify all league play, focal points, websites, league formats being used (and why particular formats). In this way other groups around the country could pick up on it and it might get the sharing and communication channels opened... emails flowing and the phones ringing and more league players joining the fun.

This might also generate some interest to perhaps begin to build an interest in a national sanctioning organization and/or perhaps we could start thinking about having one tournament per year with "Multi-State League Playoffs"...

(Shufflers' Notebook & "League Play"... Con't. on Page 11)

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Basics on How to Play & Score in "Tap & Draw"

(Table Shuffleboard Game)

There are several traditional table shuffleboard games that are played. The most common table shuffleboard game played in most tournaments is called "Knock Off" featured in the May/June 2004 issue (page 3). Other commonly played table shuffleboard games are "Crazy Eight" featured in the July & August 2004 issues (page 3); "Horse Collar" (featured in the September 2004 issue); and "Target" (featured in the October/November 2004 issue). Some of the less common shuffleboard games are "Target" (featured in the October/November 2004 issue) and "Tap & Draw" (featured in this issue). This page has been dedicated monthly for instructional purposes, starting with some "how to" basics and then getting into some of the more complex strategy questions that arise as players become more familiar with the various table shuffleboard game(s). Mail or e-mail The Board Talk Editors/Publishers with specific strategy questions you may have like "when to play short weight", "when to pass weights" versus "knocking off weights", use of various release shots (rail, thumb, free hand, etc.).

Basic Overview of "Tap & Draw" Game

This is an excellent game for a beginner who is opposing a skilled player. The object of the game is to shuffle your Weights up to the farthest (or, in TARGET shuffleboard, the highest) scoring position on the board, without knocking your Weights, or those of your opponent, off the board.

To start a contest, players decide by toss of coin or other means, who shall shuffle first and which color each shall have. In this game, it is an advantage to shuffle the first Weight.

Weights are shuffled alternately, until all eight have been shuffled, which completes one round of play, just as in the traditional "Knock-Off" tournament shuffleboard game.

You may try to tap your Weight, with the purpose of sending it farther up the board. However:

- If you knock your own Weight off the board, it must remain off and out of play.
- If you knock off your opponent's Weight off the board, your own weight will be removed from play, and your opponent's Weight replaced on the board in its original position.
- If you knock your opponent's Weight off the board, and at the same time advance one or more of your own Weights to higher scoring areas, your Weights must be returned to their original positions, your opponent's Weight replaced in its original position, and your shooting Weight must be removed from the board.
- If you tap any of your opponent's Weights, so that they advance, they remain in their better scoring position.

Method of Scoring (See May/June 2004 & September 2004 issues, page 3 for details on "Knock Off" & "Horse Collar" Scoring)

Scoring is the same just as in the traditional "Knock-Off" tournament shuffleboard game, where the traditional GAME SCORE is 15 points or for "Horse Collar" GAME SCORE is 51-points. The player or team who scored in the previous round shuffles last in the next round. Remember, in this game (unlike "Knock-Off") it is an advantage to shoot first.

Cushion (Bank) Shuffleboard Play

To play "TAP & DRAW" shuffleboard on a Cushion Board model (a.k.a. Bank Shuffleboard) the same rules and methods explained above apply, except that each Weight must first carom or bank off either side cushion, en route to the scoring area.

"Horse Collar" Play (See September 2004 Issue, Page 3)

The game of Horse Collar also may be played, using "TAP & DRAW" rules, and using the same scoring methods explained in the "HORSE COLLAR RULES".

Miscellaneous Shuffleboard Rules

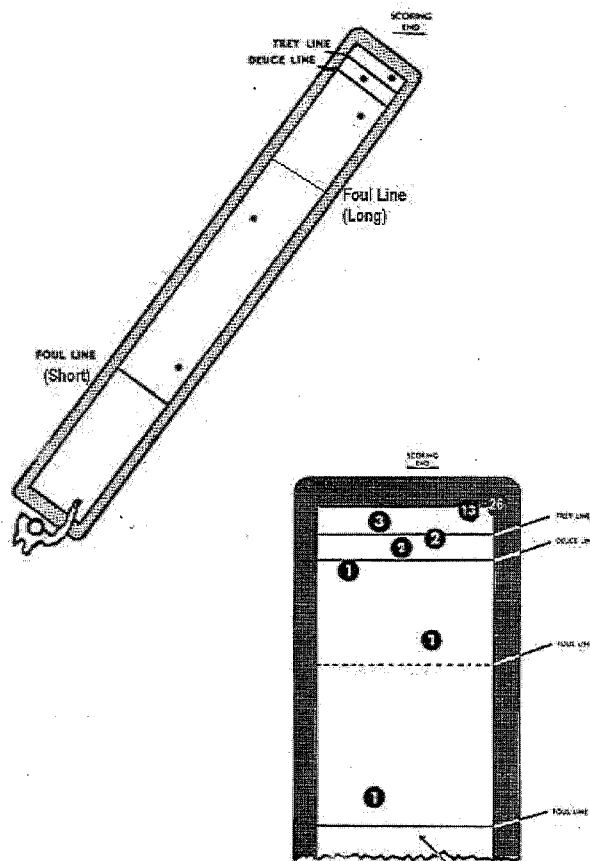
(Also applicable to "Horse Collar" Play)

Before a player shoots, the player can dust the board if dry spots are showing. Note: In tournaments this may be restricted to the edge of the board or left to the discretion of the Tournament Director.

Shooters must have one foot behind the playing surface while they are shooting.

Hitting or shaking the table is never allowed.

NOTE: Always ask your Tournament Director for a full set of rules applicable at each tournament that you attend.



Texas

HOUSTON HOLIDAY OPEN 2004 SHERATON BROOKHOLLOW HOTEL HOUSTON, TX DECEMBER 26-31, 2004

The Holiday Open Shuffleboard Tournament is held annually between Christmas and New Years at the Sheraton Brook Hollow Ballroom in Houston, Texas.

Considered to be one of the top tournaments in the country, the Houston Holiday Open has 14 events culminating in the famous New Years Eve Party.

35 boards, 14 events, sponsor sales, "pari-mutuel sale" and professional staff make this a "must make" tournament. Jack Scott is the Tournament Director.

See Flyer Insert in the Oct./Nov. 2005 issue or download flyer from <http://www.shuffleboard.cc>

or http://www.theboardtalk.com/HHO2004_flyer.pdf

For More Information, contact: Jack Scott 832-788-1845

California

14TH ANNUAL "PRESIDENT'S DAY" T's COCKTAILS MODESTO, CA FEBRUARY 18-21, 2005

The "Northern California 14th Annual President's Day Shuffleboard Tournament" is being held on February 18-21, 2005 at T's Cocktails, 710 North 9th Street, Modesto, CA featuring an ABC Draw, Add-to-3 Doubles, Open Doubles and Open Singles. Same place, same format as 2004. Contact Lorraine Olson at Lorraine.Olson@vta.org or Eddie Brayman at etheb@aol.com for further info or flyers.

Nebraska

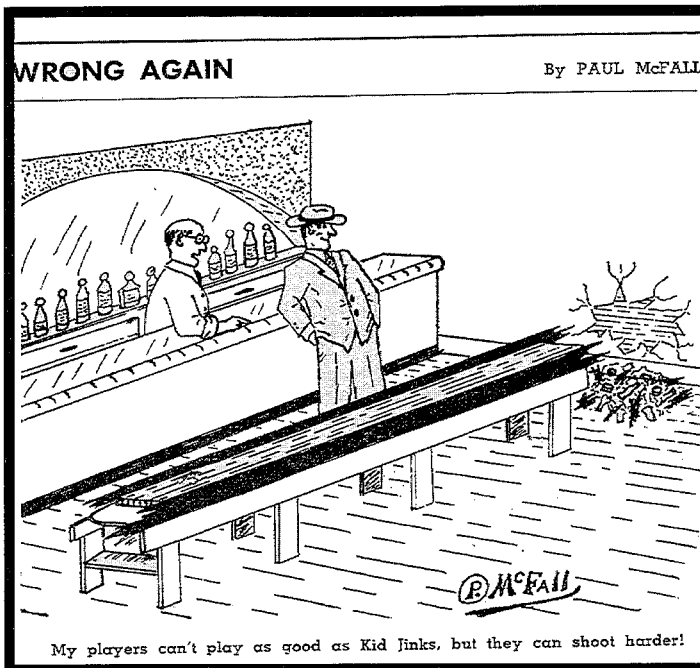
6TH ANNUAL O'HAROLDs ST. PATRICK'S DAY TOURNAMENT O'HAROLDs BAR OMAHA, NE MARCH 17-20, 2005

The 6th Annual O'Harold's St. Patrick's Day tournament will be held at O'Harolds Bar in Omaha, Nebraska on March 17th-20th.

See flyer inserted into this issue for details or contact Jim Payne (Tournament Director) at: 402-676-4827



Humor Column



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Event #1: A-B Draw (Friday - 22 Teams)



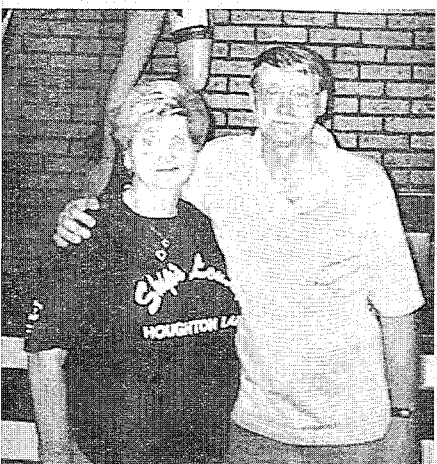
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Bill Kane &
Slick Parrish



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Bill Niswonger &
Coco Brown

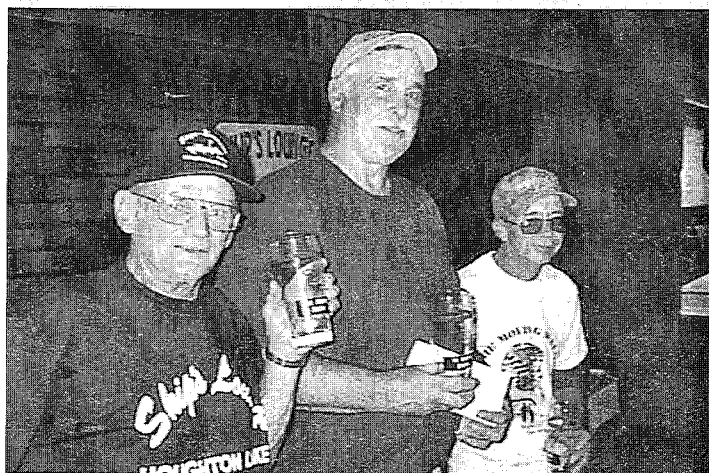


3rd Place (Left L-R):
George Nelson &
Bill Niswonger &
Jim Earl Madary

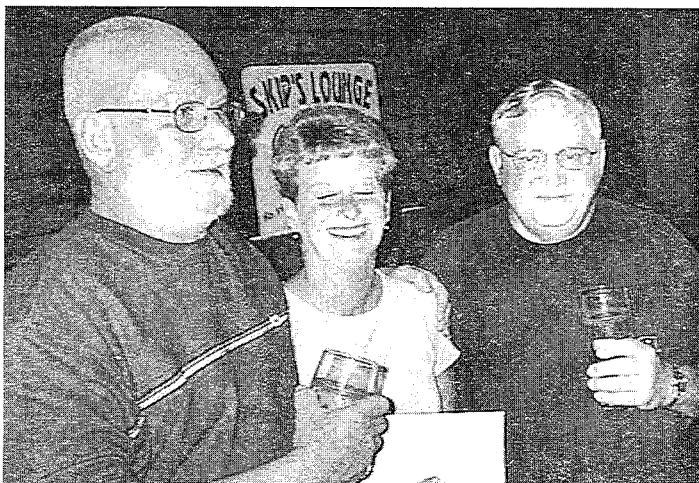


4th Place (Left L-R):
Carolyn Perry &
Dennis Stantz

Event #2: A-B-C Draw (Saturday - 20 Teams)



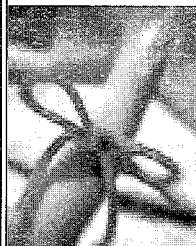
1st Place (Above L-R):
Slick Parish, John Tischler & Don Parkhurst



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Jim Earl Madary, Melinda Flynn & Bill Niswonger

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6th Annual Adirondack Open

September 3-6, 2004

Riverside Tavern, Keesville, New York

Report & Photos Submitted By: Pauline J. Rock (Riverside Tavern Owner)

(NY flag graphic added by The Board Talk Editors/Publishers)

Keesville, New York: September 3-6, 2004

We had a great tournament and wish to thank all who attended this sixth year annual event. Many thanks to all the players for participating in our tournament and many thanks to Meegan for providing meals to the players... "Cooking Forward to #7!". We also like to extend a very special thanks and welcome to a new group of unrated Massachusetts players who are becoming interested in tournament play and having the chance to play with some of the experienced "East Coast Stars" – this group of new players made our 6th Annual Adirondack Open tournament even more "special" and we hope they come back often!

Friday's "Draw Partner" team of Bill Bacon and Pauline Rock took first place honors, with John Arndt and Mary Lou Burdo taking second. In Saturday's "Mixed Doubles", the ever so strong and talented team of John and Sharon Canino took first place honors, followed with a very strong second place of the smooth shooting Judy Iseman and (Skinny) Dave Shewbridge! In Sunday's "Bring Partner", Louise Freer (formidable player) teamed up with Mike Miller to grab first place honors, followed by the very strong, hard-fought "Sherburne, NY Fellows": Pat Bennett and Ryan Fuller. Special thanks to Pat, he was also a great help throughout the weekend taking care of the boards and brackets and to Jen Pickett for a great job on sponsor sales! Winners Photos follow...



Mixed Doubles 2nd Place

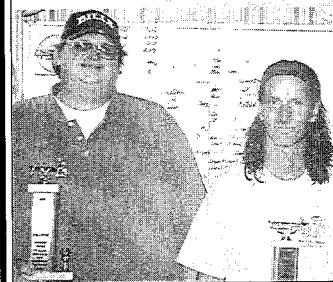
(Above L-R):

Judy Iseman (MD) &
Dave Shewbridge (MD)

Bring Partner 1st Place

(Above L-R):

Mike Miller (DE) &
Louise Freer (PA)



Bring Partner 2nd Place

(Left L-R):

Ryan Fuller (NY) &
Pat Bennett (NY)



Draw Partner 1st Place

(Above L-R):

Bill Brown (MD) &
Pauline Rock (NY)



Draw Partner 2nd Place

(Above L-R):

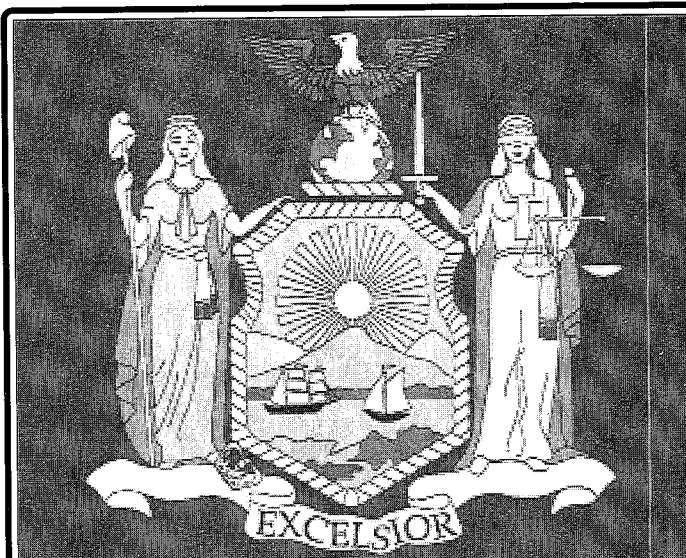
John Arndt (NY) &
Mary Lou Burdo (NY)



Mixed Doubles 1st Place

(Above L-R):

John & Sharon Canino
(NY Team)



NEW YORK FLAG Emblem: Emblazoned on a dark blue field is the state coat of arms. The goddess Liberty holds a pole with a Liberty Cap on top. Liberty stands for freedom. At her feet is a discarded crown, representing freedom from England at the end of the revolutionary war. On the right is the goddess, Justice. She wears a blindfold and carries the scales of justice. Meaning that everyone receives equal treatment under the law. The state motto "Excelsior" on a white ribbon expresses the idea of reaching upward to higher goals. On the shield a sun rises over the Hudson highlands and ships sail the Hudson river. Above the shield is an eagle resting on a globe representing the Western Hemisphere.

6th Annual Houston Holiday Open Warm-Up!

December 3-4, 2004

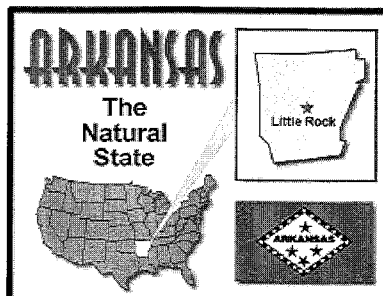
VFW Post 9095, Little Rock, Arkansas

Report & Photos Submitted By: Russell Canerdy

Little Rock, Arkansas: Sept. 3-6, 2004

Home board advantage went out the window with E.T. Jensen continuing his good play by making a clean sweep of the before tournament robin, Draw Partner, and Bring Partner events.

Everyone seemed to enjoy the snacks and the Bar-B-Q lunch before tournament play on Saturday.



The VFW Post 9095 added a new board this year, making a total of 4 in-house boards.

Special thanks go out to Gerald Wood and the folks around the Fullhouse (Wynnewood, Oklahoma) and our friends from Missouri and Tennessee. These players are the reason shuffleboard will long endure!

Winners of the Open Draw and Bring Partner events were:

Open Draw Partner - Winners



1st Place (Above L-R):

E.T. Jensen (OK) & Harvey Walden (TN)



2nd Place (Above L-R):

Larry Williams (AR) & Jett Williamson (OK)

3rd Place (Above L-R):

Jennie Wills (OK) & Russell Canerdy (AR)



4th Place (Left L-R):

Sandy Tubbs (MO) & David Renfro (OK)

Bring Partner - Winners



1st Place (Above L-R):

Gary (left) & E.T. Jensen (OK-right) w/ sponsor (center)



2nd Place (Above):

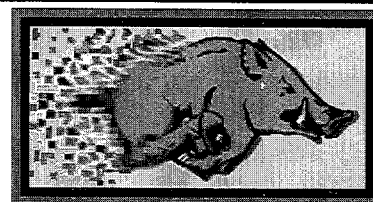
Mark Gray (MO-left) & Glen Tubbs (MO-right), w/ sponsor, Gerald Woods (center)

3rd Place (Above L-R):

Jennie Wills & Jett Williamson (Oklahoma Team)

4th Place (no photo):

Jimmy Wallace & Everett Brown



4th Annual Columbus Day in St. Louis, Missouri

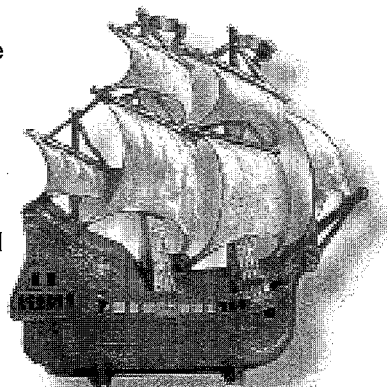
October 8-9, 2004

Ulena's Sports Bar, St. Louis, Missouri
Report & Photos Submitted By: Jack Murphy

St. Louis, Missouri:

October 8-9, 2004

Ulena's Sports Bar (one of The Board Talk MSPA "Shuffleboard Directory Advertisers") was the setting for the 4th Annual Columbus Day Tournament. Thanks to all who participated, most especially to our new California friends (Bob & Barb Crum) and our old friends from Kansas City.



Hopefully, they will all be able to join us again next year too. Mark your calendars now for next year's 5th Annual Columbus Day Tournament to be held October 7-8, 2005.

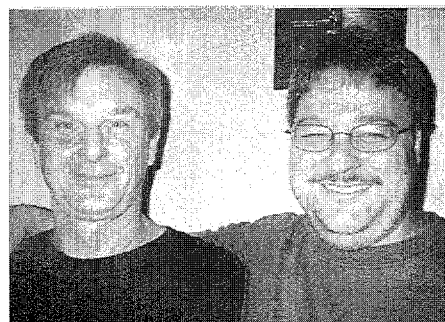
Taking 3rd place were those new friends from California, Barb and Bob Crum. They fended off some stiff competition in their first couple of games until being handed their first loss in the final round of the winner's bracket. After that loss, Barb and Bob played another exciting game, but were handed a second loss in a tight 15-13 game. Thanks to these first timers to our Columbus Day Tournament and congratulations on their third place honors.

Coming in second were Mike Simpson and Dan Kelly. Mike and Dan were handed their first loss in the second round of the winner's bracket. Still, they garnered the momentum to move right up through the loser's bracket until they faced the only undefeated team in the tournament. That momentum carried Mike and Dan on to victory in the first game of the finals, but they were then handed their second loss in a well played game against the eventual first place team of Steve Sheridan and Mike Polson. Congratulations to Mike and Dan for their determination and second place honors.

First place honors went to the fine shooting team of Steve Sheridan and Mike Polson. This tough team displayed some fine shooting and shuffleboard strategy as they moved up through the winner's bracket to end up as the only undefeated team in the tournament. In their first meeting with the finalists from the loser's bracket, Steve and Mike hung in there, but were eventually handed their first loss. They regrouped and regained the leading edge and went on to wind the second game of the finals (no double dip). This victory assured them the top prize honors. Congratulations to Steve and Mike for their great play and first place honors!

Personally, I would like to say that I was very pleased with the efforts of all our shooters. There was a lot of strong shooting and many a game that came down to the wire! It was exciting to watch these competitors shooting

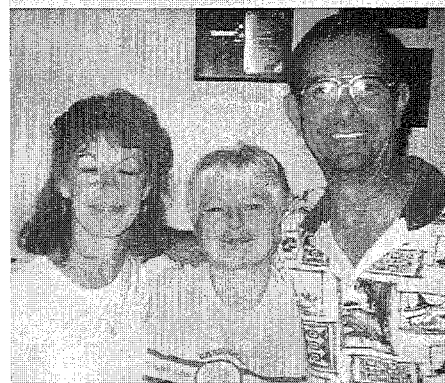
so well and equally satisfying to see all the participants enjoying the camaraderie and great sportsmanship. I would like to extend a special thanks to all our out-of-town participants, to Ulena's Sports Bar owner, Sanna Clark, for welcoming us, and to John Sittingdown, Pamela Burnett, Jerry Romy, Julie Sempher, Norma Young, and Jill Romy for all their help and support in making this a smooth run and enjoyable event.



1st Place (Left L-R):
Steve Sheridan &
Mike Polson



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Mike Simpson &
Dan Kelly



3rd Place (Left):
Barb Crum (left) &
Bob Crum (right)
The California
husband/wife team!
pictured with sponsor
Mary Curtis (center)



(Left to Right):
Julie Sempher,
Mike Polson &
Carol Marshall
enjoying the
tournament!

(Shufflers' Notebook & "League Play"...Con't. from page 2)

with more than one division to promote playoffs of similar skill level or varying formats.

First, we need to understand and communicate between all the states league focal points, find out how each area sets up their league and format, etc. and learn from each other in order to broaden "League Play" across the country.

We (Editors) get many calls wanting info about setting up leagues. Help, input, suggestions are need and we hope starting up the "League Players Corner" again will give everyone the necessary contact information and input to communicate and learn from other leagues and ?

Recently, we have received some inquiries from players wanting to know where there is any significant "League Play" activity in the their area or others to talk to across the U.S and Canada on how to form a league. Our data on-hand is outdated. Is there enough "League Play" or interest and need to start up our "League Players' Corner" again? We are ready to give it a try. Please contact us with focal point names, designated reporter(s) for major results in your area, existing websites on league play, etc. if interested in more inclusion of League Play in this publication. We are considering electronic options too and a newly designed Board Talk website with links to league play sites in 2005. Suggestions, comments? If enough interest is developed for League Play, we might consider an electronic periodic newsletter to "League Players" only (but would have to have those interested provide us with League Players names and email lists to pursue such an effort). Any/all suggestions and comments are needed and welcomed!

--Thanks, Tom & Lynda French, Editors/Publishers

Thanks to The Board Talk Editors... from St. Louis, MO!

Dear Tom & Lynda: Thanks for your inclusion our 4th Annual Columbus Day tournament in The Board Talk's "Calendar of Events". Due to this inclusion, Barb & Bob Crum (from California!) came by and joined us this year. Our Columbus Day tournament has always consisted of mostly home town shooters and sometimes our friends from across the state of Kansas City and Houston, MO. It's really just a small time tournament in a local tavern and has to be limited to 16 teams due to the setting in which it is held. Nevertheless, I have always enjoyed organizing it and running it. Barb and Bob happened to be in this part of the country, saw our tournament listing in The Board Talk and dropped by. To me and others, it was very exciting to have participants from so far away! This sentiment might seem naive, but it illustrated to me the effect that all your hard work and efforts with The Board Talk does have an impact and interest from the shuffleboard community.

So, thanks, once again, for all that you two do for all of us!

--Thanks, Jack Murphey, St. Louis, MO
[Editors' Comment: Thank you Jack for sharing this with us. It shows how tournament directors and clubs alike

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benefit from advertising their tournaments and establishments. When players travel or relocate, they often view the "Calendar of Events" and "Shuffleboard Directory Ads" to find a place to play when traveling or moving to an area. We wish to thank you and all tournament directors and establishments that advertise & report. --Thanks, T&L]

BOARD TALK OPEN 2005 4th Annual Tourney Status...

Many of you have been making inquiries about the status of the **4th Annual Board Talk Open 2005** plans. We were recently informed by Champion Shuffleboard that they will be willing to sponsor a 4th year tournament, but board transport is a crucial cost concern especially with the escalating fuel price which negatively impacts transport/freight cost. We have determined it would be too costly to consider a tournament for 2005 that would require out-of-state transport costs. Therefore, we are currently working on at least 3 potential Texas locations (two in Austin, Tx and one in D/FW, Tx areas). We will send out an e-mail notification to our distribution and/or letters should we get something finalized in the next week or so. If we do not find a facility, we will also notify our subscribers. The dates are still **tentatively planned for April 1- 9th, 2005** (as previously advertised earlier this year, but we were not certain at the time about Champion's sponsorship plans). This tentative date could vary a day or so either way if a selected facility has any conflict with our preferred/planned dates. Will keep all posted as more is known! -- T&L

California Shuffleboard Hall of Fame News..

***Bob Hunt & Nick Chaffin
will be inducted into the CSHOF
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hosted at the VFW #1051, Ripon, California
(tournament being held February 17-21, 2005)
Congrats to Bob & Nick... Well Deserved!
-- Tom & Lynda French & Shuffleboard Community!***

More "Hot Times" in Bourbon At Journey's End

October 15-16, 2004

Journey's End Bar & Grill, Bourbon, Indiana

Report & Photos By: Ann Harrell

Results & Photos Submitted By: Ann Harrell (Visit: <http://www.eshuffleboard.com> for latest Indiana News!)

Bourbon, Indiana: Friday, October 15th, 2004 at Journey's End Bar & Grill in Bourbon, Indiana, 26 people from Indiana and Michigan participated in an A/B draw partner event. Jimmy "the cop" Kumpula and Vickie Morgan fought their way to 3rd place. Gary Neff of Bourbon and Roland Harkless of Michigan placed 2nd. Dave Arnett from the Warsaw Eagles, home of the Indiana State Tournament (held November 26-28, 2004 – see Indiana State Championship 2004 Tournament Winners on page 14) drew Mike Johnson and they played their way to first place. The odds finally caught up with owner Mike Koontz and he drew his sister, Ann Harrell as his partner. They managed to play four whole games without killing each other!

On Saturday, October 16th there were 12 teams who fought hard for a share of the almost \$2,000 pot. "Virgin" tournament director, Keith Spencer, kept things rolling through out the day. Mike Koontz and Dennis Kinsey succumbed twice to the eventual first place team to finish 3rd. Roland Mativier and Bill Kane, of Kane's Club Car, finished 2nd. Veteran player Jim Long and his partner Greg Massey defeated all comers to finish first. Carol Westerman and Tom Bickel of Lucky's in North Webster finished the day by sponsoring both the first and 2nd place teams.

Friday, A/B Draw Winners (13 Teams)



1st Place (Left L-R):
Dave Arnett &
Mike Johnson
(Indiana Team)

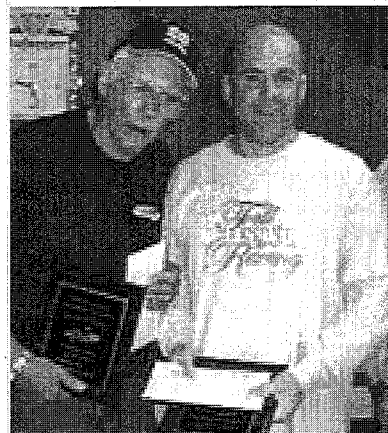


2nd Place (Left L-R):
Roland Harkless (MI)
& Gary Neff (IN)



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Vickie Morgan (IN) &
Jimmy the "Cop"
Kumpula (MI/FL)

Saturday, Bring Partner Winners (12 Teams)



1st Place (Left L-R):
Jim Long &
Greg Massey
(Indiana Team)



2nd Place (Left L-R):
Roland Mativier &
Bill Kane
(Michigan Team)



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Mike Koontz &
Dennis Kinsey
(Indiana Team)

(Go to Page 14 for Indiana State Championships)

Indiana State Championships 2004

November 26-28, 2004

Warsaw Eagles #1339, Warsaw, Indiana

Report By: Pam Dowell (Photos: www.eshuffleboard.com website)

Warsaw, Indiana: (Nov. 26-28, 2004)

The 16th annual Indiana State Shuffleboard Championships concluded in the wee hours of Monday morning, 11/29/04. The tournament began with the Open Singles auction on Friday the 26th with a field of 39 players vying for over \$9200. Two days and three events later the participating shufflers numbered 60 registered players and the total pot was \$17,150.

Tournament director Steve Hart and co-director Terry Dowell thank everyone who played, making Indiana one of the best attended and most successful State tournaments in the country. They also thank the members of Warsaw Eagles #1339 for their hospitality and the great service provided by bar manager Donna Kunkle and her staff. This Thanksgiving traditional event will travel South next year, to the Pendleton Amvets. Winners:

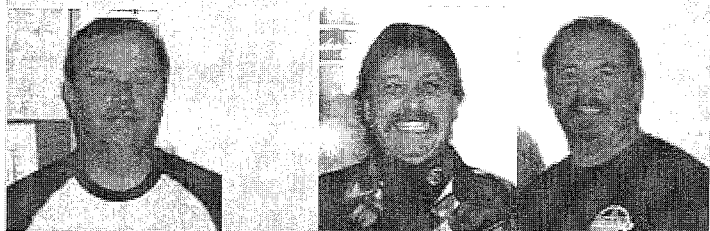
Open Singles Champs (39 players - Nov. 26th)



1st Place (Above):
Bobby Voorhis

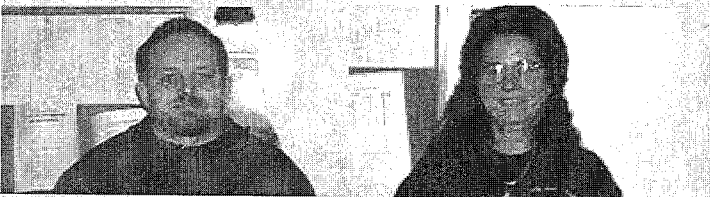
2nd Place (Above):
Larry Creakbaum

3rd Place (Above):
Tom Nolder



4th Place (Above):
Randy Redman

5th-6th (tie) Place (Above L-R):
Mike Johnson & John Humes



7th-8th (tie) Place (Above L-R):
Brian Collins & Debbie Voorhis

Women's Singles Champs (12 players - Nov. 28th)



1st Place (Above):
Pam Dowell

2nd Place (Above):
Jody Berry

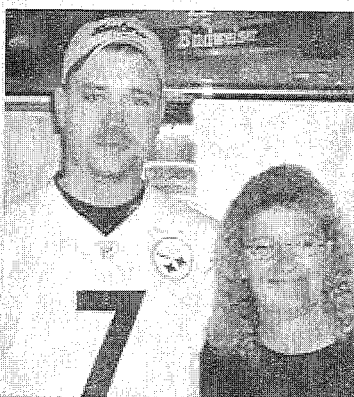
3rd Place (Above):
Debbie Voorhis

Mixed Doubles Champs (14 Teams - Nov. 26th)

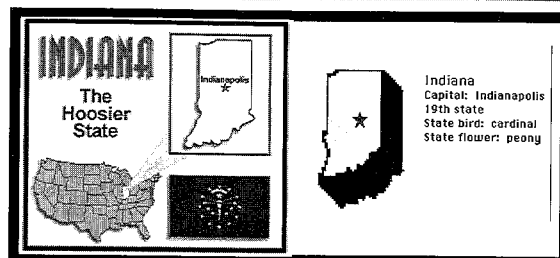


1st Place (Above L-R):
Steve Hart & Taya Keesling

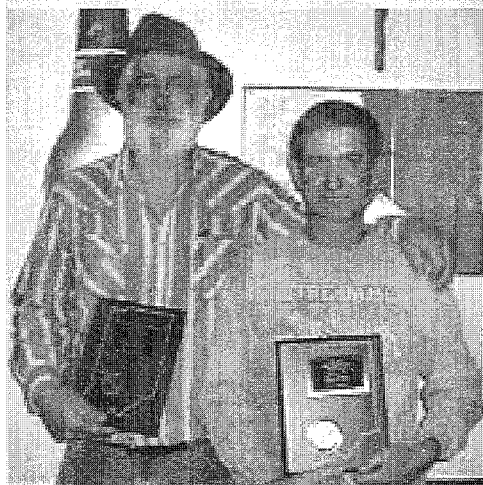
2nd Place (Above L-R):
Mike Koontz & Kristi Redman



3rd Place (Left L-R):
Gary Anglin & Jody Berry



(Indiana State... Con't. From Page 13)

Open Doubles Champs (21 Teams - Nov. 27th)

**1st Place
(Left L-R):**
Mike Koontz &
Dennis Kinsey



**2nd Place
(Left L-R):**
Brian Collins &
Dave Boaz



**3rd Place
(Left L-R):**
Bobby Voorhis &
Ricky Royal



**4th Place
(Left L-R):**
Jim Hamilton &
Mary Brown

Lucky's Tavern Hosts Doubles Tourney!

October 9, 2004

Lucky's Tavern, N. Webster, Indiana

Report & Photos By: Carol Westerman

N. Webster, Indiana: October 9, 2004

Reporting on our Doubles tournament held at Lucky's on Oct. 9th (sorry, I was not that quick at reporting)... but, here goes...

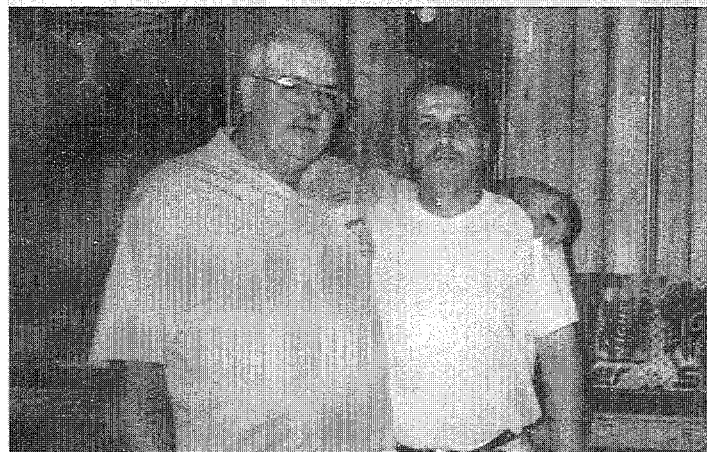


We had a great tournament even though we only had nine teams (18 players). Thanks to all who participated and attended. We hope to see players back again on our next Doubles tournament scheduled for January 15th.

Since we only had 9 teams, we paid two places. Frank Blade and Bill Kane (Michigan team) took first place honors and Glen Ingram and Mike Johnson (Indiana Team) took second place honors. Winners photos follow...



1st Place (Above L-R):
Bill Kane & Frank Blade (Michigan Team)



2nd Place (Above L-R):
Glen Ingram & Mike Johnson (Indiana Team)

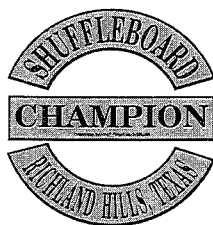
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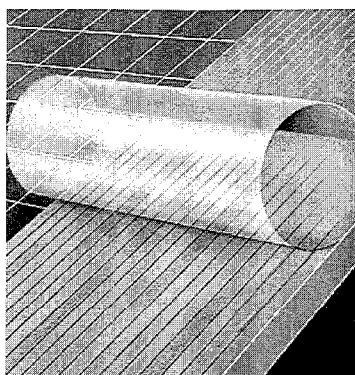
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Thanks Again! Phil McKenna FDNY, Engine 68.

E-mail Address: philpwm@usa.net

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Sincerely, Michelle Glandon

E-mail Address: C24IMP@aol.com

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Steelville's ABC Tourney

by: Charlie Riley (Reprint from MSPA's "The Hammer")

The tournament was held August 27th-28th, hosted by the Steelville Country Club in Steelville, Missouri. The first place team of Dan Mueller, Sandy Tubbs, and Florence Hicks double dipped the 2nd place team of J.B., Pete Bouse, and Curtis England. Third place went to the team of Woodie Cockrum, Jon Wallace, and Homer Tabor. They had a total of 11 teams. Glen Tubbs ran the tournament and did a very good job. Good shuffleboard, good food, good service, good time... had by all!

-- THE HAMMER, Nov. 2004, Vol. 4, No. 15, Page 6

[Editors' Comment: Thanks to the MSPA and all the Missouri shuffleboard players and establishments that support The Board Talk. Steelville Country Club is one of the many shuffleboard establishments that have contributed to having an oversized-large MSPA "Shuffleboard Directory Ad" placed in each issue of The Board Talk.

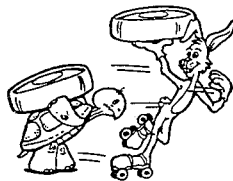
Many Thanks for all your support! Board Talk Ads are greatly appreciated & needed! --Thanks, T&L French]

MSPA Holds Officer Elections

OFFICERS: MSPA Officers were elected at the Hall of Fame Tournament in Houston, Missouri which was held September 23-25, 2004. MSPA Officers for the next two years are: Mark Gray (President), Craig "Doc" Bendickson (Vice President), Charlie Riley (Treasurer), and Carol Tyler (Secretary). -- THE HAMMER, Carol Tyler (MSPA Sec.)

Editors' Comment: Terrie Booth has designed a new website for The Missouri Players Shuffleboard Association and is soliciting suggestions for content, etc. which can be viewed at: <http://www.stlshuffleboard.com>

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What's the meaning of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" Song?

People often think of The Twelve Days of Christmas as the days preceding the festival. Actually, Christmas is a season of the Christian Year that lasts for days beginning December 25th and lasting until January 6th (the Day of Epiphany) when the church celebrates the revelation of Christ as the light of the world and recalls the journey of the Magi.

From 1558 until 1829 people in England were not allowed to practice their faith openly. During this era someone wrote 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' as a kind of secret catechism that could be sung in public without risk of persecution. The song has two levels of interpretation: the surface meaning plus a hidden meaning known only to members of the church. However, element in the carol is reportedly a "code word" for a religious reality.

1. The partridge in a pear tree is Jesus Christ.
2. The two turtledoves are the Old and New Testaments.
3. Three French hens stand for faith, hope and love.
4. The four calling birds are the four Gospels.
5. The five gold rings recall the torah (Law) the first five books of the Old Testament.
6. The six geese a-laying stand for the six days of creation.
7. Seven swans a-swimming represent the sevenfold gifts of the Spirit.
8. The eight maids a-milking are the eight beatitudes.
9. Nine ladies dancing are the nine fruits of the Spirit (Gal.5).
10. The ten lords a-leaping are the Ten Commandments.
11. Eleven pipers piping stand for the eleven faithful disciples.
12. Twelve drummers drumming symbolize the 12 points of belief in the Apostles' Creed.

So there, regardless of one's religious connections or beliefs or dissent thereof, this bit of information this time of year might be worthwhile sharing. There you have it, the HIDDEN meaning of "The Twelve Days of Christmas" and the secret behind the "song"?

-- Emailed from: Mahlon Nobles, Houston, TX

[Editors' Comment: Thanks for sharing. With all the recent discussion of "Separation of Church & State" during the 2004 political season where the term "born-again-Christian" even took on multiple interpretative meanings, etc. and this upcoming holiday season, this is quite an interesting history (or urban legend?) to share (for any of us not already familiar with the subject). After receiving your email, we found a "devotional" website with some additional info on your email:

<http://www.cresourcei.org/12days.html> and a Catholic site:
<http://catholicism.about.com/cs/christmas/a/twelvedays03.htm?zwa=49710>

...and from an "urban legends" website with this song and other purported "hidden code" events and object meanings during the era you speak of:

"Twelve Days of Christmas" (hidden "code"?):

<http://www.snopes.com/holidays/christmas/12days.asp>

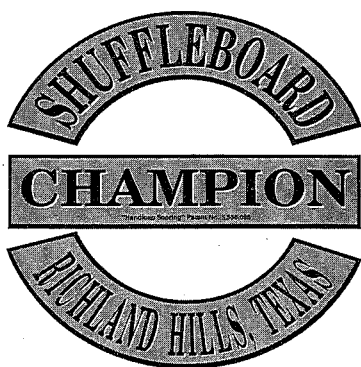
"Ring Around the Rosie" (another hidden "code"?):

<http://www.snopes.com/language/literary/rosie.htm>

"Candy Cane" symbolizes what during the Holiday?

<http://www.snopes.com/holidays/christmas/candycane.asp>

So are the above historical truth or urban legend? Okay readers, thinking caps on!?!? Happy Holidays to All! --T&L]



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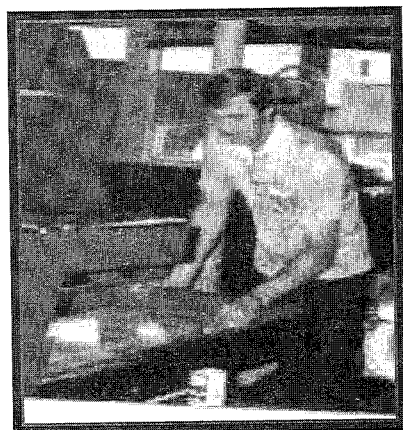
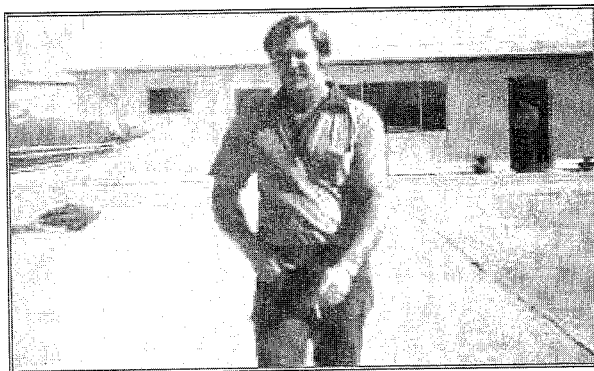
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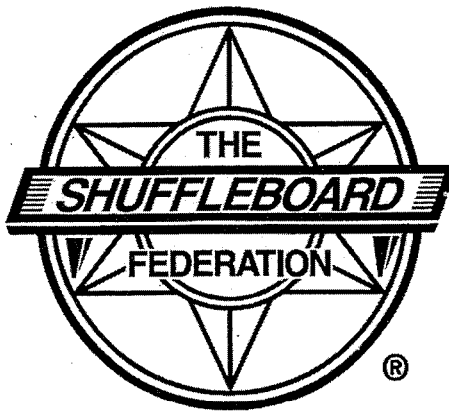


JACK STEFFENSEN
by Michelle Foran
and others

Jack was born in Badger, South Dakota at his Grandmother Steffensen's home on February 25th, 1942. He joined two brothers, Jerry 5 years old and Jim 1 ½ years old. Jack and Jim were the best playmates through their toddler years. Five and a half years later a sister, Joannie, joined the family. They lived on a farm where the boys had a pony named Beauty. They rode Beauty back and forth to the country school that they attended until moving to Huron, SD in 1950. Living close to a river gave Jack lots of practice at fishing for bullheads. He provided the family with many fish dinners. Jack liked to play baseball and hike with his brothers and neighbor kids. While hiking one day Jack found an old weather parachute and thought he could jump off of the roof of the house. He got the wind knocked out of him and scared the whole neighborhood but nothing was broken. He was lucky on that adventure. In 1960 he married Linda VanDerArde and they had two sons, Rick and Scott. Jack worked in construction, the Armour packing plant and Fairmont foods before moving to Washington in 1966. When Jackson moved to Washington he was employed at Boeings for 5 years until the big layoff in 1971. He then went to work at Industrial Rubber Supply until retiring after 22 years. Jackson's interest in shuffleboard started in the spring of 1978. Jack worked with Rob Heidal and Al Green. Rob and Al were into shuffleboard with Jim Foran and Mike Waters and others who played out of Max and Dick's Tavern. Ken Bills, the owner of Max and Dick's, sponsored Jim's traveling team and Jack went and watched them play out of town a couple of times. He even got to see Billy Mays do his trick shots for the television cameras. All of this contributed to Jack's growing interest in playing shuffleboard. And play he did. After a few lessons from Al Green he started playing on leagues. He played on the Tuesday night money league, the Thursday night fun league and Sunday Mixed league. On Fridays nights he played at Larry and Rays' draw and on Saturday nights he played at the Loop Tavern draw. He played five night's a week and loved it. Jack was a very good hard rock player. He really blasted the weights. Jack played in many of the tournaments in the northwest during the 80's and early 90's.

Jack was a wonderful down to earth person and a friend to everyone, even the occasional stranger. He would help his friends do just about anything because he COULD DO just about anything. When Jack became ill he was unbelievable. He still did more than most people that weren't ill. He never stopped. When Jack's disease progressed he wasn't able to play league anymore but when Jim Foran called him and asked him to sub on his team Jack was always there. Why? Because he loved the game and he loved his friends. When Jack finally couldn't play board much at all he would still come out and watch his friends play and support the tavern owners.

Jack inspired and taught many young players learn the game of shuffleboard and helped keep shuffleboard alive in Tacoma and surrounding areas for many years. On Wednesdays Jack would go golfing and on the way home he would stop at the Shamrock Tavern in Tacoma and play board. People that had never played shuffleboard or were just beginning watched him and they became really interested in the game. Jack taught them how to play and they still play to this day. In fact two of them are the tournament directors for his Memorial Tournament. They and others that he inspired will be at his tournament. Jack's inspiration still beats in the hearts of those he touched. We will leave his Memorial Tournament without his physical presence but his spirit will be in our minds and our souls. Jack passed away on September 21, 2002. He was 60.



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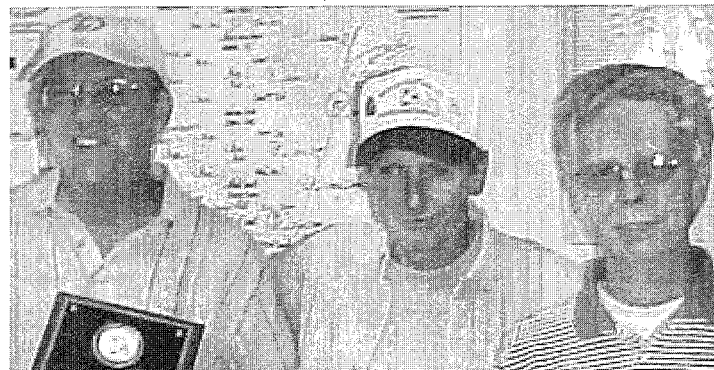
Again Missouri had a wonderful tournament. The food was great and the music was good. Our establishment is one of the finest around. This is where I will be hosting the 7th Worlds Wandering Women's Tournament in 2005.

After all the work was done and all 11 boards were tweaked. The tournament started as planned. Mark Gray and the Kansas city shufflers awarded Glen Tubbs with a plaque for his excellences in always giving a helping hand. The Kansas City shufflers want to take this time to "Thank" all of you for coming. Champions & Winners were:



1st Place Champs: 4-Person Team (Above L-R):

Dave Mason, Mark Polson, Janice Hagerty, Steve Taylor
and no photos: 2nd: Chuck Muelhauser, Justin Bendickson, Billy Coleman Jr., Gary Johnson; **3rd:** Doc Bendickson, Gary Hagerty, Mellisa Dunn, Sandy Gregory; **4th:** Francis Waters, Larry Cothran, Barry Pipkin, Jim Moore



1st Place Champs: Div. III Doubles (Above):

Tom White & Gary Ferrou w/ sponsor (center)
and no photos: 2nd: Justin Bendickson & Stanley Wheeler;
3rd: John Wallace & Angie Moore;
4th Place: Curtis England & Florence Hicks



1st Place Champ: Div. I Singles (Left): Mark Gray
and no photos:

2nd: Chuck Muelhauser
3rd: Francis Waters



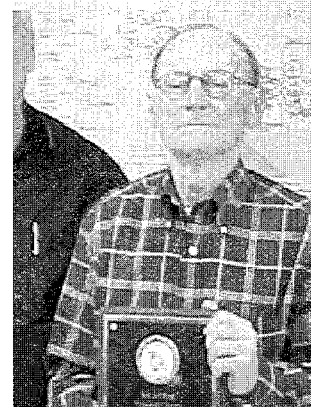
1st Place Champs: Div. I Doubles (Left L-R):

Steve Lindsey & Dean Pinkson
and no photos: 2nd: Woodie Cockrum & Julie Hartman;
3rd: Rick Pittman & Scott Townley



1st Place Champs: Div. II Doubles (Left L-R):

Mike & Mark Polson
and no photos: 2nd: Terrie Booth & Pat Marshall; **3rd:** Billy Coleman & Randall Parker; **4th:** Wayne Cupp & Mary Curtis



1st Place Champ: Div. II Singles (Above):

Barry Pipkin
and no photos:
2nd: Gary Haggerty
3rd: Wayne Cupp
4th: Terrie Booth
5th/6th (tie): Delane Moore & Roger Ellison



1st Place Champ: Div. III Singles (Above):

Judy Forbes
and no photos:
2nd: Angie Moore
3rd Place: Gary Swain
4th Place: Dave Mason

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December 10-11

Holiday Tournament
Ulena's Sports Bar
St. Louis, Missouri

December 17-18

Santa's Special
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

December 17-18

Draw & Mixed Doubles
Journey's End Bar & Grill
Bourbon, Indiana

December 26-31 (See Flyer Insert)

Houston Holiday Open
Sheraton Brookhollow Hotel
Houston, Texas

December 31

New Years' Eve Mixed Doubles
Journey's End Bar & Grill
Bourbon, Indiana

December 31-January 1

Mixed Doubles
Red Dog Saloon
Muncie, Indiana

JANUARY 2005

January 8

Mixed Doubles
Bourbon Legion
Bourbon, Indiana

January 14-16

Heartland Handicap
American Legion Post 73
Del City, Oklahoma

January 15

Doubles Tournament
Lucky's Tavern
N. Webster, Indiana

January 20-21

Kansas City Shootout
Elks Lodge
Grandview, Missouri

January 21-22

Winter Blues at Market St. Booze
Market Street Cafe
Charlestown, Maryland

January 22

Doubles Tournament
American Legion #258
Princeton, Indiana

January 28-30

Mud Bay Masters (no two -1s)
Buzz's Tavern
Olympia, Washington

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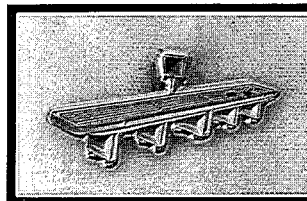
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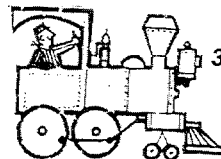
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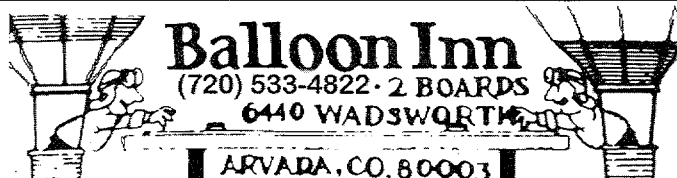
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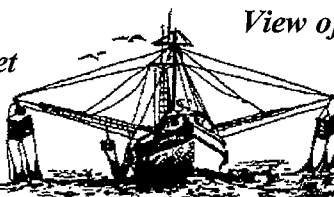
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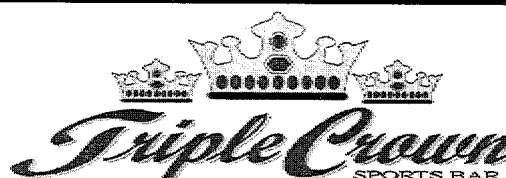
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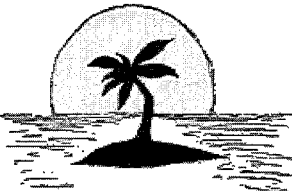
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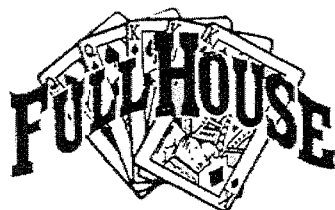
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Results & Photos Submitted By: Marty Allen, Mims, Florida

Titusville, Florida: (November 24-28, 2004)

Everyone agrees that Rusty Nowakowski and Ursula Badouin are exceptional Florida "Super Hosts" and along with their friend and bartender staff did a wonderful job over the Thanksgiving holidays. Thanks to all at the "B" House in Titusville for hosting our State Championships.

This state tournament had to be one of our best in player participation and strongness of field even though we had a total of 5 late cancellations in the various events. The Florida towns represented were: Homestead, West Palm Beach, Palm Beach Gardens, Hobe Sound, Stuart, Cocoa, Port St. John, Titusville, Mims, South Daytona, Bradenton, and Spring Hill which is a fair representation of Florida, but we hope to double that within three years.

CFSA (Central Florida Shuffleboard Association): During the tournament we had two (2) "Rule Disputes" regarding wording and interpretation which we will address in our next CFSA meeting in December. Thanks to Carol Horchler, Chris Boyett, and Jimmy the "Cop" Kumpula for bringing this to our attention. In addition, the CFSA is discussing whether to invite Georgia and South Carolina to our yearly state tournament (another item for the upcoming CFSA meeting is to make motion and vote on this matter).

Winners of our Florida State Championship events:

Ladie's Singles Champs (Friday -Nov. 26th)



1st - 3rd Place Champs (Above L-R)

1st: Tonia Cooper; *2nd:* Sue Bittner; *3rd:* Ursula Badouin

Men's Singles Champs (Saturday -Nov. 27th)



1st - 3rd Place Champs (Above L-R)

1st: Chuck Dewees; *2nd:* Jerry Gray; *3rd:* Dennis Bittner

Mixed Doubles Champs (Friday -Nov. 26th)



1st Place Champs (Above L-R)

Harold "Moose" Whitt & Carol Horchler



2nd Place (Above L-R)

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3rd Place (Left L-R)

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Bring Partner Champs (Sunday -Nov. 28th)



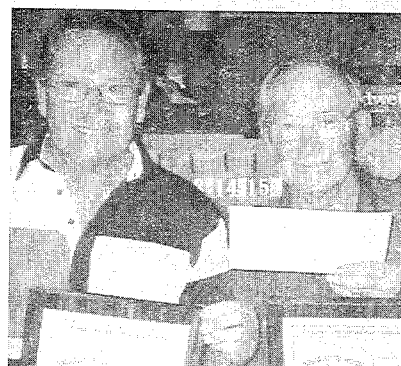
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Blue Goose A-B-C Draw

October 8-10, 2004

Blue Goose, Port Orchard, Washington

Report By: Sharon Nugent, WA

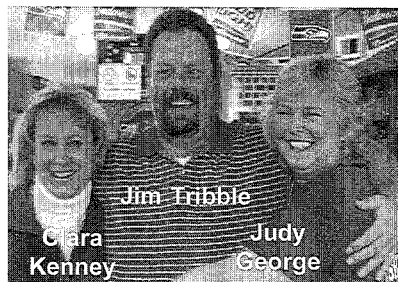
Washington: (October 8-10, 2004)

Shuffleboard is a great game. When one plays at the Blue Goose in Port Orchard you most always have a good time. That's how it was this weekend in October when we had our tournament at the Blue Goose. You have a great view of the water for all those that come in their motor homes and even for those that don't. The atmosphere is friendly, the food is great and everyone has a great time.

This years' tournament was in an ABC format. These tournaments are a great way to get new and local players involved in the game; it gives them a chance to get some tournament experience and gives the more weathered players more contact, playing with diverse levels of players. Playing in this kind of tournament is a great way to learn from one another. I know I learned a lot at this tournament. Another reason for the success of this tournament was for the new software the Bill Walker tried out that is taking the U.S by storm in the game of shuffleboard, Eddie Brayman's computer peas.

After a fun-filled weekend of shuffleboard the team of Jim Tribble (Captain), Clara Kenney and Judy George came out on top defeating the 2nd place team of Gary George (captain), Sharon Nugent, and Drew Skinner.

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1st Place (Above)



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3rd Place (Above)

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-- By: Sharon Nugent

"IN MEMORY OF..."

Don Crall, SW Open (Del City, OK) tournament director, had an aneurysm erupt and had surgery on October 14th... encountered complications after surgery and passed away. See poem (Page 2 of this issue) written by Melody (his long time soul mate). He will be greatly missed by his family and extended shuffleboard family and friends.

Olga Vaughan, long-time soul mate and friend of Joe Spratt of Houston, Texas passed away in October and will be greatly missed by all. She was a classy lady and an avid shuffleboard supporter and dear friend to many.

Charley Thompson of New Hope, Alabama passed away on December 11th. Just as we [Editors] were almost finished typesetting this issue, we had a call from Marty Allen of Florida bringing us this sad news. Charley Thompson was a retired NASA Engineer (Cape Canaveral, Florida). He was a Bowers Rater for a number of years and the Past President of the Central Florida Shuffleboard Association (CFSA) until he and his wife Pat Gray-Thompson moved to New Hope, Alabama a few years ago. Charley and Pat both remained active in promoting and supporting shuffleboard even after moving to New Hope. Charley has reported in The Board Talk the success of these efforts several times recently. He and Pat have been dear friends to many of us. They have been avid supporters of the Board Talk publication and Board Talk tournaments. Our prayers go out to Pat and all of Charley's family & friends.

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Clara Kenney of Washington has had surgery been in/ out of the hospital and surgery. Home now.

Jerry Gibson of Washington has been undergoing leukemia treatment.

From: The Board Talk Editors/Publishers

"News" "Misc." & Board Talk Tentative Print Schedule Plans

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Submissions are due by the **10th of each month during 2005**. If you get your submissions in by the 10th of each month, it will be printed in the next issue (whether it turns out to be a monthly or a bi-monthly issue).

Planned 2005 Issues*

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May/June 2005

July 2005

August 2005

September 2005

October/November 2005

December 2005

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The deadline is the **10th of each month for the next month's issue.**

*NOTE: The bi-monthly and electronic testing results are being compiled. The above is tentative plan until we determine the viable plan. We should have data compiled and decided during 1Q2005 and will let you know the plans with subscription rates, frequencies and form(s) of distribution.

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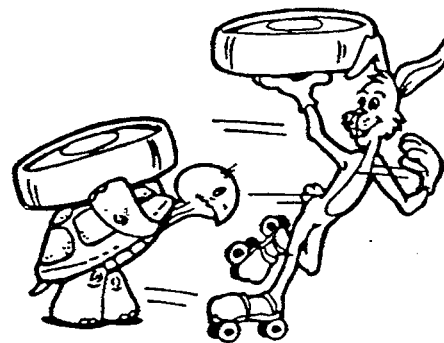
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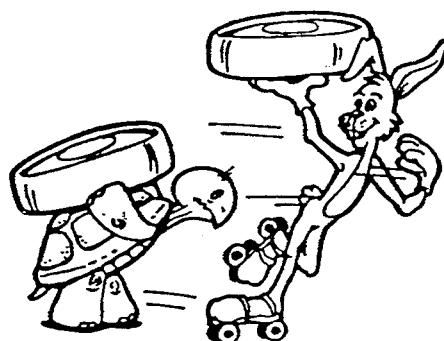
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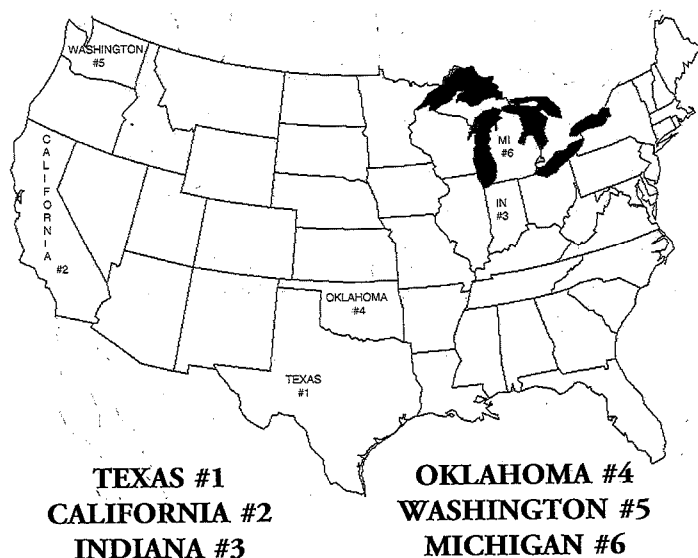
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